TAFT TALK

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Taft Brothers Wholesale & Retail Grain Dealers

Our good friend and member Roy Henry bought this old tin advertising sign a few years ago in a local antique shop. He noted that the building is still there on Depot St. in Uxbridge, MA and is now home to a couple of small businesses. Also note the phone number of "132" – not quite the same anymore, is it!

These "Taft Brothers" were Frederick Cyrus and Silas Taft who were sons of Samuel Harkness and Waitie Elizabeth (Wood) Taft. Frederick was born in 1869 and Silas in 1871 at the home farm in Mendon, MA. They graduated from the local schools and then worked on the farm. About 20 years later Silas became a mercantile clerk in Uxbridge. After about two years he opened his own store with his brother in 1894. They operated this store as the Taft Brothers and it became the largest general store in Uxbridge. They also operated a very successful grain business under the same name. Frederick Cyrus Taft died in 1914 in Uxbridge, having married (1) Juliett Humes and (2) Mary Elizabeth Davison. Frederick Cyrus Taft had a large family including Robert, Raymond Ellsworth, Karl Irving, Byron W., daughter, Earl Davison, Maxine E., daughter, and Jacqueline Taft. Silas Taft married Nettie B. Crocker 7 Oct 1896 in Uxbridge. He died in 1939 in Uxbridge, MA. Silas Taft had three children including Gladys, Curtis G. and an infant Taft.

Silas and Frederick Cyrus Taft were the sons of Samuel Harkness (Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, Robert) Taft.

Thoughts from TTT headquarters

Just as there have been major changes and shifts in our country this year, so too do our members and their families have significant events in their lives. As you will see in this issue we have lost significant members of our family. However we are always thankful and amazed at how energetic and vitalized our folks are.

We count Dorothy T. Barre among those as she has now accomplished an amazing age of 99 years – CONGRATULATIONS and may you continue to have a healthy, vibrant life filled with family and joy.

Norma Winters was accepted as a member of the Genesee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution through her ancestor Caleb Taft (Caleb, Daniel, Robert). She has sent some interesting information but reluctantly admits that they are not descended from the Caleb Taft of blacksmith shop and Henry Ford Museum fame, particularly since they are a Michigan family themselves. See pp 7 and 8 for more information.

Louise Plumley writes that her husband is 90 years of age now and needs a walker to get around. She is 86 and they have been married 66 years (she hastens to add that they knew each other for four years before they were married but they had to wait until she finished school). They appreciate the help from family, friends and neighbors who keep their lawn mowed, their sidewalk and driveway plowed, and who help get them to various appointments. Louise is a treasure trove of information which she shares with us whether it's her family or tidbits she finds in historical journals and records. Louise has informed us of the passing of members of their large and very long-lived family which you will find on page 6 in this issue. Her great-great niece Stacy Allen is in the army, another testament to the strength of this family.

Don Williams wrote in July:

"It is amazing to look through my genealogy research and find the many ties to the Taft family- connections to three sons of Robert Taft [Robert, Thomas and Daniel] – as well as many of the early families in New England – especially in Northbridge, Mendon, Uxbridge and Whitinsville." It does seem as though once you have one Taft, you have several. But then there were five brothers and Matthew to take into consideration. He itemizes:

"Spring and Taft
Chapin and Taft
Marsh and Taft – Uxbridge
Bazaleel Taft and Abigail Taft – Uxbridge
Fletcher and Chapin - Northbridge
Thompson and Taft – Mendon
Not to mention the 10 Mayflower ancestors"

I expect there are several members who will recognize they have the same lineages or at least intersecting lineages, so here is Don's basic ancestry (note: it seems to me that the Israel, Robert, Robert line appears often in our pages):

Donald Earl Williams is the son of Earl Fletcher Williams (George Lysander Williams and Ethel May Fletcher, Lewis Clark Fletcher, Ephraim Spring Fletcher (a) and Margaret Ann Chapin (b)…

a. Ephraim Spring Fletcher s/o Samuel Fletcher and Lydia Spring (a)
    a. Lydia Spring d/o Ephraim Spring and Eunice Taft (i)
        i. Eunice Taft d/o Josiah Taft (1) and Lydia Taft (2)
            1. Josiah Taft s/o Lydia Chapin and Maj. Josiah Taft (Daniel, Robert)
            2. Lydia Taft d/o Lydia Thompson and Thomas Taft (Thomas, Robert)

b. Margaret Ann Chapin d/o Dea. Phineas Chapin and Eunice Taft (a)
    a. Eunice Taft d/o Bezaleel Taft (i) and Abigail Taft (ii)
        i. Bezaleel Taft s/o Lydia Chapin and Maj. Josiah Taft (Daniel, Robert)
        ii. Abigail Taft d/o Esther Marsh and Jacob Taft (Israel, Robert, Robert)

In Memoriam

Camilla Ann (Henderson) Taft

Mrs. Camilla Henderson Taft was born 2 Feb 1940 in Smithfield, NC, daughter of Thomas Henry and Doris (Boyette) Henderson, and died 13 Jul 2017 in Greenville, NC. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Greenville, NC. She was the wife of Joseph Marvin Taft, Jr. and they lived in Greenville, NC.

Camilla Henderson was a member of the first graduating class of J.H. Rose High School and a graduate of East Carolina University where she served as Chief Marshal and was a cheerleader. She taught school for 10 years including at West Covina Elementary School in California, Elmhurst Elementary and later at Pitt Community College where she taught adult literacy. An active, longtime member of Jarvis United Methodist Church, Camilla served on several boards and was Chair of the Prayer Commission for 13 years. She was a leader of the Tuesday morning Bible Study, a member of the United Methodist Women, and a Sunday School teacher for many years. Camilla was a Member of the Board of Directors for Carolina Pregnancy Center and was engaged in many other ministries including New Beginning Church, Globe International Nicaragua, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was a charter member of the Ex Libris Book Club. Camilla cherished spending summers at Lake Junaluska where she served on the Junaluska Associates Board and coordinated the Junaluska Summer Sunday School program. Camilla will be fondly remembered for many reasons including her loving heart for others and her tremendous faith in Christ.

Camilla is survived by her husband of 54 years, Joseph Marvin Taft, Jr.; daughters, Lou Taft (James) Welch of Raleigh, Camilla "Cissy" Taft (Jay) Hicks of Arlington, VA, Martha Taft (Bill) Ladd of Wilmington; son, Joseph Marvin (Susanne) Taft, III of Asheville. grandchildren, Carson and Cameron Welch, Talis Kiesling, Jackson and Charles Hicks, Taytum Taft; brother, Thomas Henry (Sandra) Henderson, Jr. of Raleigh; sister, Martha Lillian (Carl Henley) Henderson of Pittsboro.

source: www.wilkersonfuneralhome.com

Her husband Joseph Marvin Taft, Jr. was the son of Joseph Marvin (Edmund Hoover, Allen Holsten, Arnold, Thaddeus, Aaron, Joseph, Robert) Taft.

In Memoriam

Dr. George Owen Winegar

Recently Lois Winegar is another member of our family who has fascinated us over the years with stories of her family as they moved from MA to MI. She recently informed us of the passing of her husband.

George Owen Winegar was born 30 Aug 1934 in Handy Twp., Livingston, MI, son of Frederick Claude and Marion Elizabeth (Gehringer) Winegar, and died 20 Apr 2013 in Ann Arbor, MI. He was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Howell, MI. He married his high-school sweetheart Lois Hicks 19 Dec 1953 in Howell, MI.

George Owen attended the one-room Griswold country school and graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1952. He attended Michigan State University and graduated as a veterinarian in 1962. In 1973 he received his M.S. in microbiology from MSU. He worked for more than 33 years for Veterinary Services of the USDA, including disease testing in MI and a two year assignment in Nicaragua. His career culminated in his assignment to Asst. Deputy Adm. of Veterinary Services in Washington, DC. In this role he engaged in foreign travel negotiating animal health protocols while traveling to over 70 countries around the world. George was interested in farming, genealogy, languages, local history and world travel. He was a life member of the American Veterinary Medical Assoc., past president of the Animal Transportation Assoc., a member of the Livestock Exporters Assoc. and Farm Bureau.

See Winegar p 9 for continuation

In Memoriam:

Robert R. "Bob" Taft

Mr. Robert "Bob" R. Taft, 82, of Troy, MO, was born 18 May 1935 in Rochester, IL, son of Jason and Hazel (Painter) Taft, and died 31 Aug 2017 in Troy, MO.

"After attending the local schools, Bob married the love of his life, Nancy Wolf. The happy couple were blessed with one son, Richard. Robert's first priority was always his family. He worked for many years at General Motors as a pipe fitter. Robert was a very hard worker, and always gave 100%. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and friend to many, and will be remembered lovingly. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Nancy Taft of Troy, his son, Richard Taft of Troy, 4 grandchildren, Ricky, Erica, Michael, and Robert and one great-grandson, Raymond, as well as many other relatives and friends. Robert was preceded in death by his parents."

sources: McCoy-Blossom Funeral Homes and Crematory, FindaGrave

Robert R. "Bob" Taft was the son of Jason (William Webb, William W., Josiah, Moses, Silas, Benjamin, Robert) Taft.

Another Puzzle for our members

According to the write-up in Ancestors of Benjamin Taft by Neil Todd Robert Taft, above, who was born in 1935 in IL, son of Jason and Hazel (Painter) Taft, married (1) Judy Rasor; married (2) Patricia Lewis; and married (3) Nancy Wolf.

Unfortunately we do not have the sources that Neil used for this information. Neil was an extremely careful historian and genealogist and it is unlike him to have incorrect information in his records. This is one of the wonders of modern research, especially with a site like FindAGrave, where you find information formerly inaccessible to most people. In this case it is highly unlikely that the Robert Taft who married Nancy Wolf in 1959 married the other two women between say 1955 and 1959, so there must be another Robert Taft around.

Going on the premise that there was a Robert Taft who married Judy Rasor and Patricia Lewis and that he was born about 1942 or at least in Illinois, the possibilities we have found in our records include the following (note: that searching for "Robert Taft" and "Judy Rasor" for example turned up no solutions, the census data after 1940 is not yet readily available, and FindaGrave has not brought us any answers either, we are left with the current possibilities from our files):

1. Robert W. Taft b 1942 IL s/o Raymond Howard (Cummings/) (1908) in B line; no more information
2. Robert Raymond Taft b IL 1918-2000 s/o Thaddeus Wiltsee (1878) J line; perhaps unmarried
3. Robert J Taft b 1911-2000 s/o Franklin Lee (1873) R line – NO - he married Genevieve
4. Robert H Taft b 1939 s/o Harold (1899) B Line; no more information
5. Robert Franklin Taft 1948-2013 s/o Calvin William (1919) T line – NO - he married Barbara Gail Pierce
6. Robert Edmund Taft 1942-1965 s/o Edmund Joseph (1900) – J line - NO - probably not married
7. Robert Clinton Taft (1880-) - NO – he married Myrtle Irene
8. Robert Bent Taft (1929-2012) s/o John Ailes (1900) J line – NO - he married Claire E Arndt
9. Robert (1937-) s/o Diane (1915) (from 1940 IL census); no more information
10. Robert (1932-) Birth in Cook Co – no more information

It is quite possible that Robert Taft was not born in Illinois but since we have no more information at present, we are left with another puzzle. Perhaps one of you knows the answer. If so, tell us so we can connect the correct families.

A Puzzle solved

Jim Westcott wrote in July that he had found the answer to a three decade genealogy mystery in his family. "In the 1850s Samuel Taft (my direct relative) and his brother Charles came to Minneapolis, MN. They worked as sash-and-door makers. Samuel ended up in the Northfield, MN area and raised a family. Charles vanished from all records, letters... This past week, I finally made the connection."

One thing to note here is the wonderful access sites such as FindAGrave (FAG) have given us in locating our ancestors without leaving our homes and traveling 2-3,000 miles for each discovery. The people who have added information on websites such as FAG (including your editor who helped put Montague, MA public graveyard information on this site) don't know who your ancestors are, but they certainly can see the information located on gravestones in cemeteries close to their homes. Sometimes, and more often now, they are able to link family members sometimes located in cemeteries across the country from the person they have in front of them. This allows one to travel all across the country with a few keystrokes and find those elusive ancestors, often in places one would never have realized they had settled in. Having said that, here is Jim finding his ancestor's brother who started in Vermont and ended in Sacramento, CA.

Jim started with Timothy Clark Taft who was born in Douglas, MA in 1800 and died in Winhall, VT in 1872. He married (1) Mary A. Hitchcock 26 Apr 1819 in Pittsford, Rutland, VT; and (2) Polly Barnes in 1843 in Rutland, VT. His children by his first wife were: Adaline, Charlotte "Lottie", Charles K., Samuel Adams, Elizabeth C., Ellen A., Charles Carlton, and infant daughter Taft. His children by his second wife were: Daniel W., Horace G., Frances Priscilla, and Abbie Taft. Samuel Adams Taft was Jim's ancestor, but what happened to Charles Carlton Taft?

According to FAG Charles Carlton Taft was born 16 May 1832 in VT, died 25 Feb 1910 in Sacramento Co., CA, and was buried in Sacramento City Cemetery (ID # 15522177). Further information in this record included the 1870 census in which he was listed as a sash maker born in VT with his wife Carrie A. Taft ae 30 b NY and daughter Carrie M. Taft ae 7 b CA. The 1900 census showed him as the widowed father-in-law of Edward Hoppe. The news clipping of the Sacramento Union dated Saturday 26 Feb 1910 noted: "*Taft - In this city, February 25, 1910, Charles C. Taft, husband of the late Caroline A. Taft; father of Carrie A. Hoppe of Oak Park (Sacramento County); brother of Daniel Taft of Boston and Samuel Taft and Charlotte Knox of Northfield, Minn. A native of Vermont, aged 77 years, 9 months, 10 days.*" All of this information was placed on the FAG website. Jim was able to verify information he already had, recheck census data and the newspaper account.

And voila! Jim has now found his elusive relative and can add a wife, a daughter, and her family to the line, which we have added to the Taft database as well thanks to Jim's sleuthing.

Jim Westcott is the son of Ralph Henry Westcott, Henry Barnard Westcott, Charles Almeron Westcott and Emma Julia Taft, Samuel Adams (Timothy Clark, Timothy, Timothy, Jacob, Israel, Robert, Robert) Taft.

In Memoriam

Doreen L. (Cary) Lanteigne

Doreen Lanteigne of Pottstown was born 4 Sep 1959 in Wellsboro, PA, daughter of Herman L. and Janet E. (Taft) Cary, and died 7 Feb 2017 in Pottstown, PA. She was buried in Old Goshenhoppen Cemetery, Woxall, PA. She married Robert V. Lanteigne in 1979.

Doreen Lanteigne was the niece of Louise Plumley who told us that Doreen had a lung transplant 9-1/2 years ago. "Doreen was a member of the Philadelphia Transplant Olympic Team and earned Silver Medals in Virginia and Grand Rapids MI. She also enjoyed crocheting, bowling, sewing, canning, cooking and cleaning. She enjoyed lending a hand and helping others. Doreen was a proud Nana and loved spending time with her family, she truly cherished every moment they shared." In addition to her husband Robert, she is survived by her children Amanda Lanteigne, Bobby Lanteigne, Adam Lanteigne and his wife Maureen; her grandchildren Jaxon, Annalise, Karlie, Evan, Leyla, Liam, Aubrey; sister Janie, brothers Terry and Jody. She was preceded in death by her daughter Danielle Lanteigne.

Sources: FindaGrave ID 176174943, Williams-Bergey-Koffel FH website

Doreen L. (Cary) Lanteigne was the daughter of Herman L. Cary and Janet Elizabeth (Walton Otto, Charles Enos, Charles Laban, Laban, Jesse, Mijamin Mowry, Nathan, Mijamin, Benjamin, Robert) Taft.

In Memoriam

Janet Elizabeth (Taft) Cary

Janet Elizabeth Taft) Carey was born 2 Nov 1936 at home in Westfield, PA, daughter of Walton and Bernice (Allen) Taft, and died 11 Jun 2016 in Cowanesque, PA. She was buried in Chenango Cemetery, Troupsburg, NY. She married Herman L. Cary on Dec. 16, 1955. Herman preceded her in death on Aug. 12, 2004.

Janet had been employed as a cook at the Westfield Elementary School. She had attended the Cowanesque Methodist Church. She devoted her love and her life to the care of her family.

Surviving are her sons, Terry (Joanne) Cary of Woodhull, N.Y., Jody Cary (Cindy Bailey) of Knoxville; her daughters, Janie (Matthew) Willis of Caton, N.Y., Doreen (Robert) Lanteigne of Pottstown (she is now deceased, see above); 23 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; her brother, Paul Taft of Westfield; her sisters, Rose Kimball of Little Marsh, Louise (Robert) Plumley of Coudersport; Phyllis (Benjamin) Potter of Westfield; several nieces and nephews. Her son-in-law, Matthew Willis, officiated at the funeral service.

Source: www.hpsmithandsonfuneralhome.com

Janet Elizabeth (Taft) Cary was the daughter of Walton Otto (Charles Enos, Charles Laban, Laban, Jesse, Mijamin Mowry, Nathan, Mijamin, Benjamin, Robert) Taft.

Caleb Taft and Caleb Taft and Caleb Taft ...

Lots of Caleb Tafts in the Taft family archives.

In preparing a paper on her DAR ancestor, Caleb Taft, Norma Winters thought it would be interesting to share the blacksmith shop story. Unfortunately it turns out this is not the correct Caleb Taft. Blacksmith Caleb Taft was born in 1804, the son of Japheth (Japhet, Daniel, Robert) Taft. Norma's Caleb was born much earlier (or he wouldn't have been in the Revolutionary War of course). Her Caleb Taft was born in 1757 in Uxbridge, son of Caleb (Daniel, Robert) Taft.

Nevertheless her Caleb Taft was an interesting man himself.

Norma's Caleb Taft was born 14 Apr 1757 in Uxbridge, MA, son of Caleb and Susannah (Albee) Taft (VR 150) and married Hannah Thayer 9 Jul 1781 in Mendon, MA (VR 395 int). He was buried in Honeoye Falls Cemetery, Honeoye, NY. They removed to Mendon, NY with their family soon after the 1790 birth of their son Caleb.

Caleb Taft enlisted 25 Apr 1775 in the Revolutionary War and served until the war ended. He was a private in Capt. Andrew Peters' Co., Col. Joseph Read's Regt.. By 1 Jan 1776 he was in Capt. Lindley's Co., Col. Read's Regt.. He served under Capt. Walbridge's Co., Col. Glover's Regt. and in Capt. Philip Ammidon's Co., Col. Nathan Tyler's Regt.. Battles that he was engaged in included White Plains, Staten Island, Eastchester, and Sandy Hook.

See p 8 Caleb Taft for continuation

In Memoriam

Richard Bruce "Dick" Winters

Dick Winters was born 6 Jan 1935 in Flint, MI, son of Clair and Marguerite (Woody) Winters, and passed away at his home on 13 Jul 2016. He was a 1953 graduate of Flint Central High School. He attended General Motors Institute in conjunction with his training as a Toolmaker at Buick Motor Division of GM. He later transferred to Experimental Engineering at AC Spark Plug where he trained many young apprentices in the trade of Model making. Dick retired from AC in 1994 after 42 years of service with General Motors.

Dick married his high school sweetheart Norma Kleinow on 17 Sep 1955, and they shared 60 wonderful years together. "Dick was loved and respected by all who knew him because of his giving nature and a desire to help others. Dick was a member of the Flint Genealogical Society, the Davison Historical Society and the Gleaners. He was a construction captain during the building of the Davison Playscape in 1997 and Chair of the Volunteer Playscape Maintenance Committee for the next 17 years. Wherever there was a need in the community, he was ready to lend a hand to any project. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but if God ever needs a hand with one of his projects, we know that Dick will be ready and willing to help out."

Dick is survived by his wife, Norma; sons Richard (LaDonna) Winters of Kingwood, TX, Ronald (Vicky) Winters of Fenton, MI, Russell (Cindy) Winters of Davison Twp; grandchildren Jessica Winston of St. Louis, MO, Chelsea (Jeffrey) Duncan of Flushing, MI; Amanda (Ryan) Livezey of Houston, TX; Wesley Winters of Kingwood, TX; great grandchildren Lauren Winston of St Louis, MO; Brighton and Pierson Goss of Kingwood, TX; sister Sharon Petersen of Royal Oak, MI. Dick was preceded in death by his parents; sister Nancy Coneeney of Virginia Beach, VT, and a beloved grandson Richard Bruce Winters III of Kingwood, TX.

Source: Allen Funeral Home, Davison, MI

Caleb Taft cont. from p. 7

Caleb Taft applied for a pension on 9 Jul 1829 and payments were made to Caleb Taft Jr., Thankful Rogers, Sylvanus Taft, Adon Taft and Sally Cole.

Caleb Taft wrote interesting letters, two of which follow, which give us personal glimpses into the lives of those who moved west from the original homelands of the Tafts in MA.

On 31 Dec 1797 he wrote from Bloomfield, NY to his brother Jotham in Mendon:

> *"Dear Brother,*
> *It is with Pleasure, I embrace this Opportunity to inform you, that we are all well: hoping these lines will find you, and all yours, injoying the same Blessing. I would likewise, inform you, that I have not received, a line from you since I have been, in this Country: but I cannot accuse you of Ingratitude; for I have been neglectfull on my part: but for the future, I hope we shall be, more mindfull, of each other: and embrace every Opportunity, of writing to each other, that accrues: for I affirm that there is nothing gives me more pleasure, than to receive Letters, from my friends, and to be informed, of their Welfare, & Circumstances, in life: I would inform you, that I have, got a pleasant Situation, but small, was there one hundred Acres, insteat, of thirty, I should feel,myself in a good way, to live. Land is very good, in this Country, and a great plenty, to be had, on reasonable terms: and if you have any People, in your quarter, of the World, who wish to quit the Plains, of Sodom: and git Possessions, in the promise Land send them, in to the Genesee Country where they cannot fail, of being fruitful.*
> *Please to give my love to my honored Mother, tell her, that I have not forgotten her, for those many hours, which She spent, in taking care of me, will never be eraced from my mind, and it is my sincere wishes, that her life, and health, may be continued to her, for a Blessing, and Comfort, to herself, and Family, Please to give my Love, to my Sister, and to her family, tell her, that I hope again, to see her, and renew, those pleasant Scenes, which we have, so merrily spent together. Give my Love, to all inquiring frien[d]s an be so good as to return an Answer, and oblige your friend, & Brother.*
> *Father Thayer is well and enjoying his health, as well, as old age, can be expected: the Climit, agrees very well with him, & I think, the Old man, grows young, for he has a great mind, to marry again; but their is not a Widow here who dares to encounter, with the old Man, therefore he must die, a Widower."*

Sadly he wrote on 17 Apr 1808 from Charleston, NY to his brother Jotham about the death of his wife Hannah:

> *"Dear Brother,*
> *After Due respects, I would inform you that myself and children all enjoy a general degree of good health; hoping these lines will find you enjoying the same. Blessings - The great distance at present prevents our natural correspondence in a great measure - I must confine myself to the limits of a short letter to let you know of my welfare & situation in life. I would inform that on 10th of Feb 1807 Departed this life my honoured & much respected Wife - this comes from the hand of an all wise ruleing providence.*
> *My youngest children are now living with me which afford me some consolation in my declining years. I have written to you one or two letters since my wife died, but have received no answer from you.*
> *Be so kind as to write to my By Mr. Hozeah Aldrich of Bloomfield.*
> *I have 72 acres of land under some improvement with a handsome stock of cattle & aged flock of sheep &.*
> *This from your affectionate Brother, Caleb Taft*
> *N.B. my respects to my sister Brown and all my old neighbors.*
> *My son Henry has gone to boating on Lake Ontario this season for a livelyhood."*

Source: Harriet E. Jerram, 1968, rev 1979 Caleb Durrant Taft MSS

In Memoriam

Cheryl "Darlene" (Wilkerson) Taft

It is with deep sympathy that we must report the passing of the spouse of one of our newest members. In the last newsletter we introduced you to Raton, NM and John Robert Taft and his family of ranchers and cowboys. Unfortunately John Taft recently lost his wife after a lengthy illness. Our thoughts and prayers reach out to John and family.

Cheryl "Darlene" (Wilkerson) Taft, aged 62, died 18 Oct 2017 in Raton, New Mexico. "After her battle with a lengthy illness she peacefully went to meet her Lord and Savior with her loving family by her side."

"Darlene was taught early on the importance of good work ethic from daddy and mother. Growing up in a household of 9 family members her Mother Neoma would have Darlene at a young age stand on a stool built by her brothers so that she could reach the sink to wash the supper dishes. Darlene recalled having to change the water at least 3 times. To earn money to provide for her teenage needs. Darlene did everything from shining her brothers' shoes to following her brother Marvin around the streets with a gas can while he pushed her mower.

"Darlene was very artistic and had the gift of writing poetry. She composed several very special poems about her daddy and the rest of their family. She was her daddy's special, "Lady Bug." Darlene was also an avid gardener and grew some of the prettiest flowers in Raton. She was very proud of her garden and loved to share it with anyone who wanted to come and visit. If you couldn't find her in the garden you would find her baking the best coconut cream pie and chocolate cream torte. She had a way of translating her love into the food she made.

"Darlene obtained her CAN and worked many years at Sunbridge, Casa Del Sol, and the offices of Doctor Tiku.
Most families would utilize WEBMD for home remedies, Darlene MD is what her family would use for their ailments. Her most famous prescription was iodone, Darlene believed iodone would cure just about anything.
Darlene's influence expanded past the medical field - she was an insightful and enlightened person to ask for advice. She had a special brand of blunt force honesty which reduced a person to the 7th stage of acceptance. This special conversation with Darlene would leave you with a renewed vigor of solving your problem."

Darlene is survived by her husband John Taft of 32 years, her daughter Stephanie (Matt) Santistevan of Pueblo West, CO; her mother Neoma Wilkerson of Spearman Texas; her brothers: Roddy (Stephanie) Woodson of Garland, TX, Roy (Melinda) Woodson of Lewisville, TX, William (Mary) Wilkerson of Flint, TX, and Anthony (Linda) Woodson of Allegan, MI; her grandchildren Zeke (Alyssa) Sanchez of Raton, NM, Jayden, Matthew (Bubba), and Lainey Santistevan of Pueblo West, CO, along with many nieces nephews. Darlene was preceded in death by her daddy Will Wilkerson as well as her grandparents and other family members. She was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Raton, NM.

source: Alderette-Pomeroy Funeral Home

Her husband, John Robert Taft, is the son of Clyde Stevens (John McKinley, John W., Wallace W., Aquila Ramsdell, James Sibley, Nathan, Daniel, Daniel, Robert) Taft.

Winegar cont. from p 3

Dr. George Owen Winegar is survived by his wife, Lois of 59 years, their children: Kathleen (Jim) Branch Nelson of Norfolk, VA; Brian (Jill) Winegar of Howell, MI; Keith (Denice) Winegar of Lino Lakes, MN and Benjamin (Cindy) Winegar of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Their grandchildren: Louis (Kristine), Amanda (Thomas), Matthew (Jill), Zachary (Emily), Timothy (Shannon), Allison, Emma, Peter, Jonathan and Thomas. Their great grandchildren: Nathanael, Perri, Parker, Elizabeth, Nelson, Rebecca, Christian, Colin, Owen, Reese, Finley, and Norah. Also surviving is his brother, C. Henry (Mary Lou) Winegar of Brighton, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Evelyn Winegar Grimm.

Source: www.legacy.com, FindAGrave

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